

EXEMPTIONS (GRANDFATHERED ITEMS)
FOUND IN THE EMS REGULATIONS
Effective January 1, 2003

12 VAC 5-31-1290. Exemptions. *(Items affecting EMS Agencies, Vehicles and Personnel)*

A. On January 1, 2003 an EMS vehicle must meet the requirements for vehicle construction and required markings in effect at the time the EMS vehicle was permitted. This exception does not apply to the medication kit storage requirements or if the EMS vehicle permit is surrendered or expires.

B. An EMS vehicle permitted before January 1, 2003 is exempted as follows:

1. From 12 VAC 5-31-860 A (AED requirement) and 12 VAC 5-31-860 L (ECG monitor/manual defibrillator with synchronized cardioversion and non-invasive pacing requirement) until January 1, 2004.
2. From 12 VAC 5-31-760 (EMS vehicle communications requirement) until January 1, 2004. The communications requirements of 12 VAC 5-30-200.B.e shall remain in effect until January 1, 2004.

C. On January 1, 2003, an EMS vehicle may be reclassified as follows:

1. An immediate response vehicle (Class A) becomes a nontransport response vehicle.
2. A basic life support vehicle (Class B) or an advanced life support vehicle (Class C) becomes a ground ambulance.
3. A specialized life support transport unit (Class D) becomes a ground ambulance unless the EMS agency applies for an EMS vehicle permit as a neonatal ambulance.
4. A life support vehicle for air transportation (Class F) becomes an air ambulance.

D. Existing forms, licenses, certificates, and other materials may be used by the Office of EMS or modified as considered necessary by the Office of EMS until existing stocks are depleted.

E. Current specialized air medical training programs as approved by the Office of EMS comply with these regulations.

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F. A designated emergency response agency shall comply with 12 VAC 5-31-620 (staffing capability) by January 1, 2004.

12 VAC 5-31-1950. Physician endorsement exemptions. *(Items affecting EMS Physicians.)*

A. On January 1, 2003, endorsement as an EMS physician will be initially issued to each licensed physician currently recorded as having previously been endorsed to serve as an operational medical director by the Office of EMS. Issuance of an EMS physician endorsement will be subject to renewal pursuant to 12 VAC 5-31-1820.

B. EMS physicians initially endorsed through the "grandfather" clause who fail to request renewal before expiration will be subject to compliance with the full provisions of 12 VAC 5-31-1810 in order to regain endorsement as an EMS physician.

12 VAC 5-31-2090. Exemptions. *(Items affecting Wheelchair Interfacility Transport Services)*

A. A wheelchair interfacility transport vehicle on January 1, 2003 must meet the requirements for vehicle construction in effect at the time the wheelchair interfacility transport vehicle was permitted.

B. On January 1, 2003 a medical wheelchair transport vehicle (Class E) may be reclassified as a wheelchair interfacility transport vehicle.

C. Existing forms, licenses, certificates and other materials may be used by the Office of EMS or modified as considered necessary by the Office of EMS until existing stocks are depleted.